

District Judge Jamal N. Whitehead

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

SAM HODA, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KRISTI NOEM, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-01906-JNW

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND
[~~PROPOSED~~] ORDER

Noted for Consideration:
March 27, 2025

Plaintiffs and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to stay these proceedings until August 8, 2025. Plaintiffs brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to adjudicate his asylum application. Defendants’ response to the Complaint is currently due on April 1, 2025. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until August 8, 2025.

Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to

1 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for
2 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.
3 P. 1.

4 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
5 intervention. USCIS has scheduled Plaintiff’s asylum reinterview for April 10, 2025. USCIS
6 agrees to diligently work towards completing the adjudication within 120 days of the interview,
7 absent unforeseen or exceptional circumstances that would require additional time for
8 adjudication. If the adjudication is not completed within that time, USCIS will provide a status
9 report to the Court. Plaintiff will submit all supplemental documents and evidence, if any, to
10 USCIS seven to ten days prior to the interview date. Plaintiff recognizes that failure to submit
11 documents prior to the interview may require the interview to be rescheduled and the
12 adjudication delayed. If needed, Plaintiff will bring an interpreter to the interview, otherwise the
13 interview will need to be rescheduled and the adjudication delayed. Once the application is
14 adjudicated, Plaintiff will dismiss the case with each party to bear their own litigation costs and
15 attorneys’ fees. Accordingly, the parties request this abeyance to allow USCIS to conduct
16 Plaintiff’s asylum reinterview and then process his asylum application.

17 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold
18 the case in abeyance until August 8, 2025. The parties will submit a status update on or before
19 August 8, 2025.

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1 DATED this 27th day of March, 2025.

2 Respectfully submitted,

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11 *I certify that this memorandum contains 391*
12 *words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.*

ORDER

The case is held in abeyance until August 8, 2025. The parties shall submit a status update on or before August 8, 2025. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 2nd day of April, 2025.


JAMAL N. WHITEHEAD
United States District Judge